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The game of Snowsnake is a traditional Woodland First Nation winter sport. The Snowsnake, when thrown along a track, can travel up to a mile if conditions are ideal. Years ago, the snakes were thrown along roadways, or over frozen rivers, along fence rows or wherever there was an accumulation of snow. The track was introduced to the game about the turn of the century.

The skill of the Snowsnake maker, who is called a *shiner*, is extremely important in producing a winning Snowsnake. Equally

important is how the Snowsnake is selected and prepared for each game once it is made. Each process taken to prepare the snake for competition may be repeated as many times as desired, depending on the requirements of the individual. There are two types of snakes; the short snakes are called *Mudcats* and are

The maker selects a young hickory, ironwood, hard maple or junberry tree because these types of hardwood are more adaptable to the manufacturing of a Snowsnake. Other kinds of fine grain hardwood can also be

to dry, or soaked in linseed oil for a period of six months to a year. However, snakes are not always soaked in oil. It may not be soaked until the snake has been

completed. If the snake has not run satisfactorily under a variety of snow conditions, then the snake may then be soaked in oil and is referred to as

oiled snake. It is then water repellent and heavier than usual. This snake would then be used for wet snow conditions, and could also be used under other weather conditions depending upon the ability of the individual shiner. CONTINUED P. 22



approximately three feet long, and the *Longsnakes* are approximately seven feet long.

Selecting the Wood

OGEMA PUSHES FOR PER CAP

(March 5, 2005) Ogema Lee Sprague has announced that he has requested two special public meetings of the Tribal Council to consider proposals to establish what is commonly known as a "Per Cap" program for tribal members.

The requested special meetings will be for discussion of the proposal and for input from tribal members. The meeting requests given to Council are for March 19th, 2005 and

April 17th, 2005 at 2 p.m., with the meetings to be held at the Community Center. The Community Center is located at 1762 US 31 South in Manistee, MI 49660

The Ogema's proposal is to establish a per capita program that distributes 50% of the net gaming revenues to members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. In an interview, Ogema Sprague said that, "This proposal reflects the in-

put of members given the last time a 'per cap' program was discussed." He added, "This proposal represents a fair and equitable way for us to take care of all of our members while giving the tribe the tools it needs for future development and progress."

Ogema Sprague further added that, "I understand that there is a lot of activity within the tribe right now, but I want to make sure that we stay focused on

issues which affect the welfare of all tribal members."

Any per capita program for distribution of gaming revenues must first be approved by the Tribal Council. After this step, it is submitted to the Secretary of the Interior's office for approval. This procedure is established by the National Indian Gaming Act (NIGA).

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Housing Department

Last month’s “Little River Currents”, featured an article with photos of the installation of at Aki maadziwin. This article also contained a list of the Housing Department’s Goals and Objectives for FY2005, which have been re-ordered and again presented below. The purpose of this article is two-fold;

First, the Housing Department would like to take this opportunity to ask for your assistance in planning housing-related activities beyond those that are scheduled for completion this year. While we are trying to get an early look at what we should or could be doing further down the road and are very much interested in any suggestions/ideas that you may have that will help us arrive at a better future, it may be possible to take on an additional project or two this year. Please take this opportunity to have your voice heard. A brief form is included at the end of this article, and we want to thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please address your written responses to the Tribe, Attention: Housing Department, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660. E-mail responses should be addressed to cfisher@lrboi.com. Phoned responses will be received at 231.723.6722.

Secondly, the Tribe and Housing Department want to draw your attention to Goals 9 and 10 (as listed below). These goals are related to the upcoming availability of lot leases to members (at Aki maadziwin) for the purposes of building a home.

Major Goals & Objectives of the Housing Department for FY2005

- 1. Bringing street lighting to Aki maadziwin
- 2. Construction & Installation of Water Tower and all associated infrastructure
- 3. Construction of (9?) new rental units at Aki maadziwin
- 4. Addition of garages to all existing Elders’ units at Aki maadziwin
- 5. Work with Family Services to accommodate need for “Emergency” housing
- 6. Actively participate in capital campaign for community center build-out at Aki maadziwin
- 7. Work to increase HUD service area designation via HUD formula changes
- 8. Begin planning for infrastructure in the cul-de-sac area of Aki maadziwin
- 9. **Complete legal infrastructure to open Aki maadziwin to home-ownership**
- 10.**Advise membership re: advantages of upcoming leasehold program**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council recently approved the posting (for public comment) of the related Ordinance, entitled “Leasehold Mortgage Program Act”. FYI: This posting also contains the proposed MOU between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and HUD as well as the related lease, i.e., “Residential Lease of Tribal Owned Land”. This information is located on the tribe’s website.

We also very much want to take this opportunity to at least introduce this very exciting program to members. While we are still working out many of the details, in the very near future, we are fully planning on presenting tribal members with the opportunity to secure a lot at Aki maadziwin for the purposes of building a home. More information on this program will be in the next newsletter. Hopefully, we will be far enough along to be able to present a Workshop at the upcoming Membership Meeting.

As promised, earlier in this article, below is a sample format that we hope you will use to communicate, in writing, your ideas/suggestions related to housing. Please also feel free to ask any housing-related question(s) you may have or to offer any constructive criticism you feel should be communicated.

Thank you in advance for your time and your consideration of this important matter.

The following represents what I believe is most important that the Housing Department works for in developing our shared future.

The following represents my ideas/suggestions as to what I believe should or could be taken into consideration by the Housing Department as we define our collective future.

I have a housing-related question: this is as follows:

Also, in the way of constructive criticism, I would like to say:

Miigwetch!

Election Board - JUDICIAL

“Following are the candidate biographies and platforms as submitted by the candidates. Per Election Board requirements, each candidate was restricted to not more than 250 words. They are listed in alphabetical order, by office for which they are running. It was decided that this represented the fairest, most impartial means of sharing the information with Tribal Members and would not show preferential treatment to one candidate over another.”

RYAN L. CHAMPAGNE

Boozhoo,
Mt name is Ryan L. Champagne and I want you to make the difference in the system. I am one of six Children from Jerry champagne and Cynthia Pete. My grandmother is Lorraine Pete and Grandmother Josephine Antonie. My Grandparents moved to WI in the early 1900’s. The majority of my family settled with other Anishnaabes in the Eagle River Area. Early on I was taught the teachings of our people and learned to be proud of being an Indian. I have been in the Indian Community my entire life. I have been involved in the Indian Community my entire life. I wanted to make a difference in Indian country and believe the best way to accomplish this by getting a college education while still back to our community. I attended Stevens Point, WI College and graduated with a B.A. The degrees I’ve earned were Social Science (Emphasis Native American History), Sociology (Emphasis Native American Social Work), and Anthropology (Emphasis Great Lakes regional Tribes). I then went on to attend Graduate School in Anthropology while I was working in Ho-Chunk as a teacher. The creator has given me the opportunity to try and help the Indian people. With this opportunity the creator has granted I have been a School Teacher, Treatment Counselor, Mentor, & a Social Worker. Each opportunity I have tried to help our people make the BEST choices to succeed and thrive in their community. I will continue to be devoted to Indian people and their rights in the Court System!

KEN LA HAYE

My name is Kenneth LaHaye and I’m running for the position of appellate judge.
After I graduated from Orchard View in Muskegon in 1986, I went to work for the DNR. I enjoyed working outside surrounded by nature. I ended up working full time at Structural Concept Corporation in 1989. I was married on June 24,1989 to Jackie Weathers. I also have two daughters who have just become eligible for Tribal Membership and are waiting patiently for the final determination. When I was offered a job in the Conservation Department of the Little River Band in 2000 I jumped at the chance to work for my Tribe. I moved my family to Manistee and we began a new life. I was also appointed to sit on the NRC and proudly served for three years.
My parents, Alonzo (Bill) LaHaye and Patricia LaHaye, are my role models. My father taught me at a very young age to respect my elders and to listen with my ears before I speak with my mouth. He also taught me how to be a good provider for my family. Both of my parents taught me to be proud of my heritage and culture. They instilled in me the values of integrity, honesty, and wisdom. I believe that I can make a difference in our Tribe utilizing those values in our appellate court system. Please consider me for the position of appellate judge. I am proud to be a member and would like to serve my Tribe.

Other Judicial Candidates

Tim Chandler
Kimberly Crampton
Jules Hanslovsky

Election Board - NINE-COUNTY

KIMBERLY MARIE ALEXANDER

Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself. I am Kimberly Marie Alexander (McClellan). My Native name is No-Din-Ainz, which is Calming Breeze. I originate from the Bear Clan.
I have held the position of Enrollment Officer for the last five years. I resigned that post in May of 2004 and am currently in the Accounting Department.
I am a native of Frankfort, Michigan. I have resided in Manistee for the last seven years. My husband is Scott Alexander. We have two wonderful children Breanna and Joshua . My parents are Byron and Ann McClellan of Kingsley, and my siblings are Lucy, Karl, Tina, Chris and Elizabeth. My grandparents are Monroe and Lucille (Antoine) Baker. My great grandparents are Moses and Kate (Skimhorn-Green) Antoine.
I am a graduate of Frankfort High School. I moved to Kissimmee Florida where I attended the Travel and Tourism School. I also attended Jordan College of Grand Rapids and Northwestern College in Traverse City. My curriculum involved Legal Assistant Courses.
I have been an active member of the Tribe. I was on the Health Board and am currently on the Binojeeuk Commission and just got newly appointed to the Manistee Peg Commission.
Issues I want to work toward:

- Insurance cards for the Membership
- Enrollment Issues Covered
- Review of Tribal Wage Structure
- Control Tribal Expenditures
- Keep Moving Forward on Per Cap Legislation
- Make sure Tribal Power resides in Elected Officials not appointed officials.

I am proud to run for the Tribal Council in the Nine County Area.
- Kimberly Alexander

LORETTA J. BECCARIA
MANISTEE, MI.
ID #: 00002

I am a tribal Elder, and served as secretary for the Elders Committee for two years, also a US Army Veteran where I worked as a secretary to the Adjutant General, and a court reporter. Since then I have worked in all phases of purchasing, Clerk, Buyer, and Department Manager. I was a co-sponsor of the recent Tribal Council Recall.
Will work hard to see that all Tribal Members are treated equally, and given equal opportunities for employment and advancement within the Tribe.
Changes the Council need to accomplish:
Stop needless spending, and pay off tribal debt.
Address health care issues, possible insurance cards for all members.
Stop Tribal Councils micro-management. Let Departments do their job without fear, but let them know what their job is and what is expected.
Mandate fair tribal member employment practices. Give our people the opportunity to work before hiring non-tribal employees, at a fair wage without fear, but hold them responsible to do their job.
Review and revise job descriptions, a college degree is not necessary for most of the job duties in this organization.
Expand Tribal owned businesses to generate profits, and job opportunities.
Work to make the Elders Committee a Commission with a loud voice in the management of this Tribe. Make an Elder a liaison for every committee, and report to the Elders Commission every month with the facts of what is happening with our government. Rumors are destroying this tribe.
Thank you.

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CANDACE CHAPMAN

Aanii,
I could tell you the things I want to do for you if elected along with all I believe to be important like: taking care of our Elders, ensuring education, solidifying health care, implementing per-capita to enhance the lives of all of our people while strengthening our structure as a Nation, legislatively, judicially and executively. Being a former employee, I’m also aware of the governmental shortcomings, more importantly the way our people are treated. I have watched the scrutiny of some and the advancement of others. But I refuse to get on a soapbox and tell you about what I plan to do because we have heard it all before. However, I do want to focus on the fact that decisions are made on our behalf, yet we remain unnoticed. When is the last time your representative talked to you or the last time your voice was heard and actually counted? We desperately need an open line of communication.

Our people are the reason our Nation exists and without them we have nothing. Regularly scheduled meetings in your area would be a first step to making things happen. Together we comprise a nation; it’s about time our government acted like one. I am dedicated to seeing equality achieved. My name is Candace Chapman and I want to represent you. I want to give the power back to the people!

You can contact me at 231.799.0113 or Anishnebek@comcast.net
Visit my website at <http://www.geocities.com/anishnebek/>

DEBRA DAVIS

198 Cleveland St.
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Debra Davis

Boozhoo

My name is Debra Davis, I’m a full blood Little River Native and I would like to represent the tribe by running for council. I believe that I would be a great candidate for council. I believe that I would be a great candidate for council, because I have been actively what concerns tribal member today. I have volunteered and worked in many different departments at the tribe, which gives me experience in “tribal relations”. I’m currently working in the Education Department. By working with tribal members all these years I have learned what is needed by all.
I will do my best to make sure that all tribal members get what is needed to make a good life for themselves and their children. I will be a fair and just council member.
I believe that all personal burdens should be left outside the council and any irrelevant disagreements put aside before agreeing to represent the tribe. If elected I hope to bring peace and harmony to all the tribe.

Chi- Miigwetch
Debra Davis

BRIDGET COLE

Vote for a Change

I am Bridget Cole. I was born in 1968 to Chester Brushman and Martha Kase (Micko). I am the granddaughter of Marianne Wabindato, Vern Brushman, Marian Wabsis, and Jake Micko. Although I was born in the area I was also raised in Wisconsin due to the area’s economics. I am married and my husband Henry Cole works as a marine engineer. Hank and I have two children, Raquel and Chester. Raquel is 15 and has played the alto sax for five years and loves talking on the phone. Chester is 10, has played hockey for the West Shore Wolves since 2nd grade and loves to skateboard when possible. Hank and I enjoy motorcycles and fishing off of our 1970-something boat.

I will not support laws or policies that limit the progress of the Tribe.
I will not support laws or policies that are culturally insensitive.
I will work for equal and fair representation for all members within Tribal Court.
I will work for better and friendlier services for Tribal Members.
I will work for a friendlier work environment for Tribal Employees.
I support more grants, aggressive investments and business for the purpose of the members to directly profit.

Prosperity and opportunity for Tribal members is my charge. I am a common member with common concerns. I believe our government should allow members to decide what is best for them. Most of all I believe in the people of this nation.

Vote Bridget Cole to Move Forward

BRIAN GIBSON

Boozhoo, My name is Brian Gibson, I am running for office of Tribal Council for the 9 county District.
I am interested in creating programs for our children that will help educate them and develop a sense of community while instilling cultural beliefs. I would also like to create a tutoring/mentoring program to ensure the success of the tribes future.
Some of the things I would work toward in office are:
1. Percap, but not as an overall solution to the needs of the people
2. Increase intertribal and intra-tribal events and activates to create stronger relations.
3. Work more closely with other bands in the state for stronger unity
4. Create a cultural community center for after school programs and for language immersion for all ages
5. Put more money into elders programs for help meet their needs
6. Work diligently toward better sovereignty issues including
A. Taking back control of were our 2% allocations go
B. Create better tax government with the state
C. Create tribal licensing
D. Install reservation boundary signage
E. Increase communication with the state In regards to our land use rights
F. Down payment for mortgage assistance
G. Standards that apply all members
If you are looking for a change without bias and an individual to complete task that meet out needs, consider me as your tribal council representative

Sincerely Brian Gibson
Feel free to contact me anytime at (231) 398-7922

Election Board - NINE-COUNTY

MARTHA MICKO KASE

FREE FRYBREAD*

...We have been through bad times and sad times waiting for that Indian money since I was a child. During that time I’ve seen many Indians working to get justice for our people. No, I don’t believe it was just for the money but for the rights that the rest of America enjoys; to live our lives in accordance with our culture, to sing our songs, speak our language, and live the way we choose. Unfortunately laws were made that prohibited many of the things that we have been doing forever. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has now been re-established for a decade and we are finding ourselves caught between cultures. We have inherited multitude of problems and now have the means to address them as a tribe. Though we have been a victim of history its time to take charge of our resources and stop being victims. In these times effective leadership is crucial. As a member on Tribal Council the well being of the people would be my top priority.

Martha Micko Kase for Tribal Council

*Please sign the petition that is circulating to free my cousin “Frybread” who is currently incarcerated on trumped up charges. He didn’t do it.

JIMMIE MITCHELL NDIZHINAAKAS

Aanii!
Jimmie Mitchell Ndizhinaakas.
My Father is the late Jimmie Mitchell Sr. His father is the late Edward Mitchell. Our lineage is directly related to the Battice, Bailey, Carey and Shaganaabe families. I proudly serve as your Natural Resource Commission - Chairperson. Education: Associates degree in Electronics. Raised in Muskegon, Michigan. I’m 45 years old. For the past 23 years, my career focused primarily in Business Management. I believe that this range of experiences has given me ample preparation to serve you on the Tribal Council.
A healthy and productive Tribal Government is one that bases its direction on the general consensus of the People. The democratic process is the way the Odawa successfully governed ourselves for thousands of years, yet history is quick to remind us that when the Nation becomes divided, it is weakened and prone to the negative consequences of its surroundings.
It is the responsibility of you, our People this coming election year, to appoint five Tribal Councilors who will hopefully work together to represent the views of the People and vote on those issues with your well-being at heart.
The following Tribal Council candidates have pledged to work together, be at work a minimum of 40 hours per week to hear your concerns, return calls, provide information, request your advice and act accordingly upon your direction.
Out-Lying - Melissa Zelenak.
At-Large - Mick Moore.
3-Nine County candidates - Jerry Ramsey - Josh Stone - Jimmie Mitchell

More information at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/5Votes4You>

PAMELA S. MEDAHKO

Kina Ndinwendaagaanak,

I greet you in a good way. I humbly megwetch the Tribal citizens whom elected me to serve as your representative four years ago. It has indeed been a reward, a challenge, and a privilege to be a contributing member of the Tribal Council. I honor the opportunity to continue to serve you.
Gitchi Manitou has gifted the Anishinaabek with many lessons, blessings, and testings. We have survived these things and grown. The raging political discord is causing fragmenting families, misunderstandings, alcoholism, substance abuse, etc. We must not be imprisoned by our own fears, anxieties, prejudices, hatreds and jealousies. The coyote that promises much but delivers nothing must be questioned.
In all of creation, only the human being has strayed from the Sacred way. We are the ones who are divided and the ones who must come back together to heal Mother Earth and heal one another.
Indian tribes must unify as one cohesive force to build stronger government-to-government relations with federal and state agencies in order to shape the future of Indian Country.
Providing pro-active leadership and strategic response to critical issues is essential for the protection to the ongoing attacks on our Tribal sovereignty.
I am of the Bear Clan, the guardians and healers, dedicating their lives to the service of others. Bear’s understanding is that he has no control of many things, yet lives in a balance with all things.

In the Spirit of our Honored Ancestors, and my beloved late father, Mayd-web-baw-go,

SHERMAN MOORE

I am Sherman Moore, son of Alice (Pete) Moore, grandson of Mitchell and Gertrude (Memberto) Pete: and step grandson of Sophie (Bailey) Pete.
I was born and raised within the 4 County areas, with the greater part of the time in Luther, Mi (Lake County). I have been married for 45 years. We have 5 children and 5 grand children. I am a Tribal Elder, honorably retired United States Air Force veteran and a proud member of the warrior society. If elected to Tribal Council, it is my intent to assist all members of this Tribe. I hope to make a difference and secure a stable, healthy and strong Tribe tomorrow and generations thereafter.
It is my belief that the legislative body of our government has the responsibility to convey the thoughts and wills of the constituents they represent. Tribal Council must be efficient and effective in the implementation of laws and the budget. Process. A distinctive line separates the powers of our government. I assure that I will not cross that line. I will ensure that the legislative branch will function in accordance with the constitution and that the checks and balances are adhered to.
With your help, we can make a difference. You have a voice as a Tribal Member it is your responsibility to vote for who will represent that voice. Permit me to make your thoughts and wills known. Sound decisions today ensure a strong government tomorrow.

Thank you,
Sherman Mitchell Moore, Tribal #95

Election Board - NINE-COUNTY

STEVE PARSONS
7330 Potter Road
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Present Tribal Government Position: Tribal Council Speaker
It has been an honor to serve on the Tribal Council these past four years, and I am proud of what we have accomplished so far. Yet, there is still much that needs to be done. Due to space considerations, I am outlining only three of the major priorities for our Tribe.

Sovereignty: Our sovereignty is precious and should be preserved and defended at all costs. We should continue to assert our sovereign rights in litigation efforts whenever necessary, and continue to work with other governments to develop cooperative agreements wherever possible.

Economic Development: It is imperative that the Tribe diversifies our economy through the creation of additional Tribal businesses (including the proposed joint venture for a Tribal Construction Company) and the development and growth of Tribal Member businesses. Tribal Council recently proposed legislation that will assist Tribal Member business development.

Membership Services: We need to continue examining ways to expand membership services so that we are able to provide assistance to members who are most in need. In addition, we need to do a better job of providing employment opportunities to all members, including subsidized employment (work experience), vocational training/education, and on-the-job training with area employers.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that the Tribe’s future is a bright one. If we continue to work together, there is much more that we can accomplish. Thank you for your consideration and support. Megwetch.

ALVIN PATRICIO

My name is Alvin Patricio, I’m from Muskegon, Michigan. I’m the son of Alvin Dean Patricio and of Mary Gomez Patricio. I’ll be running for office in the Nine County Representatives.

JERRY RAMSEY SR.

Aanii,
My name is Jerry Ramsey Sr. I was born December 28th, 1951, in Bellaire Michigan and raised in Kalkaska. My wife Julie and I have 6 grown children. We live in Manistee, Michigan. My mother is Opal H. Green. My grandmother Melinda Pontiac who resided on reservation in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, is the wife of Jim Pontiac who was the great grandson of Chief Pontiac. I joined the United States Army in 1971 and was honorable discharge in 1985 and currently a member of our Tribal Warriors Society. I am now employed as a Security Supervisor with our Little River Casino.

I was a substance abuse counselor for a Native American treatment facility in the Upper Peninsula and assisted others in returning to their culture. I am dedicated to our Traditional Way of Life, and currently the Chairperson for LRBOI Cultural Preservation Committee and involved in Traditional Ceremonies, teachings and preserving the old ways. I am also a Traditional Dancer.

I am running for Tribal Council to help protect our constitution and the sovereignty of our Tribe. I will use sound judgment and wise decisions for the betterment of our Tribe and I will work diligently to unite the Tribe as one, as we are family. I will walk lightly, talk firmly, listen to all voices, especially our Elders who speak wisdom; for I will take this journey slowly to make our Tribe strong and to see our business grow and succeed.

DAN SHEPHARD

My name is Dan Shepard; I have two beautiful children, Jacob who is five and Alycia who is twelve years old. We have lived in Manistee since 1998. I grew up in Muskegon and Ludington, Michigan. The main reason I am running for council is to ensure a better quality of life them and all of us. I moved my family here to try and make a difference in the Tribe.

I started in the Tribe’s Planning Department in 1999 and have worked on many projects Including; Land Use Planning, Water Tower, Strategic Planning, Transportation Planning, Building Codes and Zoning. I have served on the Tribe’s Housing Commission since 1999 and Cultural Preservation Committee for four years. I am a member of the American Planning Association, Indigenous Planning Division of the American Planning Association, Michigan Society of Planning and a member of the North West Michigan Council of Governments Regional Planners Review and Advisory Committee.

I believe that to improve the Tribe we must continue to better ourselves through increasing our knowledge and being aware of issues that affect our families, Tribe, Indian Country and other non-tribal governments.

I have the concern of the Tribe at heart and will do everything I can to protect and preserve our sovereignty.

In the role as planner I have been given the opportunity to learn from other Tribes across the US and will use this knowledge to help the Tribe move forward and reestablish itself as the great nation that it is.

Election Board - NINE-COUNTY

JOAN K. SPALDING

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Past/present Tribal Governmental Positions: Tribal Council Member 1998-June, 2001; Tribal Council Speaker May, 1999-June 2001; Binojeeuk Commission Member 1999-Present; Gaming Commission Chairperson December, 2001-Present; Elder’s Committee 1997-1998
Annii! Anishinabe kwe ndaaw; Penayseqwe ndizhinikaaz.
Hello! I am an anishinabe woman; Penayseqwe is my Indian name (Joan Spalding is my English name).
My mother, Pearl Smith Ward, was the daughter of Martha Bailey Hall Smith who’s father was Henry Bailey of Custer.
I enrolled in the Tribe in early 1996 and began attending all Tribal meetings that I became aware of. This included Tribal Council meetings and community forums that were held for public comment on the Tribe’s Constitution as it was being drafted. I have attended and participated in all of the Membership meetings that have been held since 1998.
I ran for Tribal Council in 1998 because I believed my previous life/work experiences had prepared me to assist in the development of the Tribe. I served on the Tribal Council after being elected with commitment and dedication.
I have been active in the Indian community since 1990 beginning in Lansing at the Indian Center there. I continue to serve the People and the Tribe as an active and dedicated member of the Gaming Commission and the Binojeeuk Commission.

BE SURE TO VOTE!

JOSHUA C. STONE

Hello,

My name is Joshua C. Stone, Grandson of James John Stone and Irene Vidal (Pego) Stone, son of Donald Moses Stone and Debra Susan Stone. I was raised in the Muskegon and Nawaygo County areas. I now live in Manistee, Michigan with my wife of 8 years and our 5 children. In the past year, I have worked for the Tribe as a Temp in the Receiving Dept. for 4/12 months. Prior to that, I worked for the Michigan Dept. of Corrections as a Corrections officer for 6 years. I am currently a Commissioner on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Gaming Commission.

RICK SPRAGUE

My name is Rick Sprague and I want your vote. I am the son of Roger Sprague and have lived in Michigan most of my life.
As a candidate of the 9 county district I have much to offer. I believe our constitution is not being followed by the current council. I hope to be elected to represent our people as a legislator.
Seamless lines of communication between the legislative, executive, and community is needed. I hope for the privilege of serving our nation.
I am also a father who believes our children are not only our future but the reason why the present time we live in is so important. Expanding tribal territory in trust I believe is one more phase that requires action to ensure that tribal citizens have the opportunity to establish communities with representative government.
We are also a community divided geographically and among our current elected officials and I believe changing this problem requires new legislators. There have been many positive changes with the success of the casino and transition to full tribal control.
I believe that the per cap plan submitted by the Ogema twice now is the right thing to do because it gives every tribal citizen the opportunity to decide for themselves how to utilize this money. The current tribal council has rejected this plan for various reasons including they are not sure that they agree with 50% going towards tribal members.
You can reach me by email at: littleriverdad@yahoo.com, or 231-463-8457

TERESA A. WABSIS (KOONE)

Hello, my name is Teresa A. Wabsis (Koone), I moved in May of last year to Walkerville in Oceana County, prior to that I lived most of my life in Muskegon, where I graduated from Muskegon High School.
I work in White Cloud at Family Health Care and I have worked in the medical field for the past 15 years. I am married with stepchildren and eleven grandchildren.
I also worked as a Community Health Representative with the tribal health clinic, which afforded me the chance to get to know a lot of tribal citizens and hear their concerns about the importance of family, health care, jobs and education. I wish to address these problems and the needs of tribal citizens not only in Manistee, but of those who live in outlying areas as well.
As a council member I would listen to what the Tribal members have to say and work hard to make positive changes, enforce tribal preference, and work toward making per-capita distribution a reality.

I thank you for your anticipated support.
Teresa A Wabsis

Election Board - NINE COUNTY

BILL WILLIS

I have been employed with the Tribe since 1996 and have worked as Budget Coordinator since 2000. The most important needs of the membership continue to be healthcare and education. It is the responsibility of the Tribal leaders to provide the members with the tools necessary to assist them in making their lives more manageable.

One lingering issue continues to be the matter of per capita payments to members of the Tribe. Personally, I feel that we can do so much more for the membership through the development of programs and services, which would be available to all members. I believe that ultimately these programs would have more of a positive impact on lives of the members than per capita ever could. Not only are there tradeoffs in exchange for per capita, but those same payments are considered taxable income.

There are Council members who are up for re-election that campaigned on the promise to provide the membership with per capita payments, but four years later those same Council members don't even want to talk about the issue, let alone work with the Ogema to develop a plan for submission to the federal government. As the Tribe continues to prosper as a nation, it is inevitable the per capita payments will become a reality. I am willing to work with the Ogema's office in the formulation of a realistic plan for submission to the federal government. In the end - If you do nothing, nothing will happen!

Other Nine County Candidates

Carol A. Wahr-Bennett
Janis A. Compeau
Bernadene Crampton
Michele L. Gibbs
Ben Hamilton
Shelly Lynn Kequam
Steven Jobes Jr.
Tammy Kleeman Brown
Don Koon
Patsy L. Morris
Judith A Nadeau
Jeremy (Deacon) Wilson

Election Board - OUT-LYING

MARY BOWER
438 Reynolds Road
Interlochen, Mi. 49634
(231) 275-3941

I am currently employed as Tribal Council Secretary; I started working for the Tribe in 2002.

I am a candidate for the 2005 LRBOI tribal elections- Outlying Area.

Here are a few of my concerns:

- 1) The Tribe currently has a \$1,000,000 dollar travel and training budget. I believe these are monies taken from Tribal members. I believe we need to do away with all the travel and use the funds for Tribal members' health care.
- 2) I believe Tribal members should be able to see their own doctor and not have to travel to Manistee; it is difficult to travel if someone is ill or elderly.
- 3) I also share the concerns of the Elders regarding family members on the same committee/commission and Tribal Council. I believe it is a conflict of interest. I believe if it weren't for our Elders there would be no Tribe and we need to listen to them more about their concerns.
- 4) I also believe all elected officials should to work every day just like all other employees of the government.
- 5) I believe it is a waste of Tribal dollars for everyone to have a cell phone. Employees all have an office phone, what more do they need!

I share a lot of the same concerns as other Tribal members, so together let's make a change. . . . Elect Mary Bower to Tribal Council!

NORBERT KELSEY

I'm Norbert Kelsey and I ask for your vote to represent OUT-LYING AREAS. Tribal members want a Council that is not averse to the concept of sovereignty—we have to be reminded that this is a body directly accountable to membership. With your help we can:

Change our constitution allowing each Tribal voter to vote on all seats up for election, regardless of where we live. A councilor's vote impacts us all. It is only fair to avail us all the same right.

Not squander resources, whether natural, human or financial. Try harder to find businesses that will supply revenue and jobs for Tribal members

Not dawdle in finding a per capita distribution plan. I will bring this issue from the waste-basket and put it back on the table. Let's get at it!

Keep Tribal members employed at the casino. Let's not deny a member a living. Let's tell our casino management...HIRE us and KEEP us!

Bring harmony to Tribal government. I will work with the Ogema. Let's put authority issues aside and let our courts decide the issues between Council and the Ogema.

Support our children in their studies. A college graduate will need less Tribal assistance. I'm proud of my children- Rachel, an artist, Nancy, a graduate now working, and John, graduating from Dartmouth in June, starting law school this fall. They've benefited from LRBOI, as I have. I graduate from CMU in August with a bachelor's degree in Public Administration. I have more ideas. Call me. (231)728-3233

Election Board - OUT-LYING

LISA M. MCCATTY

3960 ParkLn Traverse City Michigan 49686
Turtle Clan

I am committed to being a voice for the outlying membership, and encourage input from all members, especially our Elders. I enjoy Tribal Gatherings and meeting with the membership. I have used various methods of getting information to the members including posting information, creating a web site, and creating a legislative overview for the membership meeting. It is necessary for the Tribe to supply information to the membership in order to allow a response to proposed Legislation or actions. I have been able to address some of the membership concerns by initiating legislation to: increase the membership benefits; require the posting of information on the Tribes web site; continue the Tribes Health programs; amend the Tribal Seal Ordinance to allow members further use of the tribal logo; send notice of decision to not negotiate any further Management Agreement; support of the restructuring of the Tribes public Information office; as well as creating a place on the Councils agenda for moving closed session items to the public record. I am willing to discuss further legislative actions. Please feel free to contact me at 231-938-3275; or by email: lmccatty@charter.net.

You may access additional information at: <http://webpages.charter.net/mccatty/>

MELISSA ZELENAK

Boozhoo,
My service to the Little River Band of Ottawa began when I was contracted by the Tribe to work as a communications consultant. I managed projects like the Per Capita survey and published the first editions of our tribal newspaper, Little River Currents. It was my goal then, and it still is, to provide our people with useful, factual information.
I currently serve our Cultural Preservation Committee as Secretary. Another important project I'm working on provides education, career and entertainment programming for youth involved in equestrian activities. My past work experience includes business management, marketing and multi-media publishing. I served as executive director for my local chamber of commerce and operated my own businesses. My husband and I have been together for ten years and we have one great son (and a horse, dog, lizard, bird and turtles). Our family enjoys outdoor activities, art and literature.
As a member of Council I will work hard to let you know what we're doing and why. I will seek your input and strive to maintain interactive communication that benefits our tribal people everywhere, from tribal government to tribal families. I stand in unity with other positive tribal members running for Tribal Council like Jerry Ramsey, Jimmie Mitchell, Mick Moore and Joshua Stone.
Our goals:

- Balance and accountability among tribal government
- Additional Elders assistance
- Improved healthcare system and facilities
- Reservation restoration and preservation
- Cultural immersion programs, especially mentoring and youth focused

K'chi-Miigwetch for your vote and consideration.
Melissa Zelenak

Other Candidates for Out-Lying

Darrin R. Griffith

Other Candidates for Election Board

Alesia Condon
Berni L. Carlson
Sandy Lempke
Peggy J. Vriesman

Election Board - AT-LARGE

VALERIE G. CHANDLER

Aanii, I descend from Pete and Elizabeth (Theodore) Bailey, great-grandparents; Dale and Margaret (Bailey) Chandler, grandparents; and Robert and Sandra Chandler, parents. I grew up with "Indian Village" literally in my backyard for 25 years.
After obtaining my college degree, I began working for the membership in 1996, on significant projects, giving me a first-hand knowledge of our government operations.
I have participated and volunteered for many events and committees:

- Worked with Jim McClurken, ethno-historian, in documenting members' historical records for archival. Obtained digital pictorial archives to create the slideshow that has been displayed at Tribal events.
- Anishinaabemowin CD-ROM student/participant
- Anishinaabemowin Language/Culture Camp and Jiingtamok, Head Dancer in 2002 and 2003
- Annual Spring and Summer Jiingtamok, Head Dancer for the 2003 Spring Jiingtamok
- Manistee National Forest Festival and Little River Casino Native American Days Women's Traditional exhibition dancer
- Regalia and Dance class; class instructor for 2004
- Education, Health Board, and Cultural Preservation Committee member
- Gaming Commissioner

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, reading, watching movies, scrapbooking and making baskets, beadwork, dreamcatchers, and painting feathers. I want to follow in the footsteps of my Grandmother, who was one of our first Council members and one of the many individuals responsible for pursuing our federal recognition. I am family and culturally minded, ready for a challenge and have our members' best interests at heart; I ask for your vote. I greatly appreciate your time and support. Please visit my website: <http://spaces.msn.com/members/votechandler/> Miigwech!

Election Board - AT-LARGE

SHANNON CRAMPTON

To the honorable citizens of the Little River Band ~
My name is Shannon Paul Crampton. I am a 37-year-old member and these are my reasons for running for council.....
To expose Ogemas who have readily taken our money but have failed to find the time to perform their duties of this office.
And to expose council members who have failed to protect the people from such lowbrow leadership, even when it's documented.
To end the unfair, revolving chair-hiring practices within our government that has created scarecrows that failed at every task they are appointed to.
To end the appointments and appropriations of money to non-tribal members no matter which tribal council members mother they are or which Ogema's mother in-law.
To truly inform membership of the status if the tribe, instead of the glossed over, whitewashed useless information we now receive.
To promote and take care of all members equally, not just certain family members and friends.
To make the dealings and operations of the tribe more assessable to membership as opposed to creating more hoops for you to jump through.
To truly listen to the wishes of membership instead of arrogantly ignoring them.
To make the elected officials and employees accountable for abusing the trust of membership, instead of just slapping them on the hand.
My stance on the 50/50 per- cap is Yes. My time frame is yesterday.

ROBERT E. HARDENBURGH "BOB"
Address: Manistee, MI

Past governmental positions: Natural Resource Commissioner (7 yrs), Land Acquisition Committee, Election Board (1st two elections), Appeals Board, Employee Relations Counselor LRB Casino Resort.
Present governmental positions: Director of Natural Resource Department
Personal:
• Engineer (General Dynamics – 19yrs – retired)
• Disabled Marine Veteran (Vietnam)
• Tribal Elder
• NMOA – Several years on council
• Married – 4 children – 7 grandsons
A few of the many issues I would like to see our Tribal Council accomplish:
• Diversity – Additional Tribal owned Enterprises. (Profits shared with the membership).
• Phone Hotline: To answer member's questions/concerns.
• "Defense" attorney representing members in Tribal litigation.
We currently have a Prosecutor; however, do not have a Public Defender.
(Members presently are at a legal disadvantage due to lack of funding for a private attorney).
• Restructuring/Amending our Constitution to assure a just government.
• Health Care for all, including spouses. (insurance cards)
• Membership involvement in decisions. (Surveys, hotline, meetings).
• Council to make LEGISLATIVE decisions ONLY. Not Executive or Judicial
• The 7th Generation Plan – continuing our legacy.
• Elder's involvement in all aspects of the Tribe!! Their wisdom and life experiences are invaluable!!!! I was taught a "Wise" Elder teaches from the HEART by good example and encouragement!!!

Megwetch

MICK MOORE

Aanii / Bozhoo Mick Moore ndizhinikaaz

I am presently the tribes Facilities Mgt. Director - prior to this position I was the Chief Engineer (Facilities Manager) at our Casino for 3 years.
I am a commissioner for the Natural Resource Commission and a proud member of the LRBOI Warriors Society. (veterans)
It is time for the tribe to decide this coming council election for candidates that will dedicate themselves to the people. We need a council that will work with the direction of the people. Make themselves accountable and productive with legislation for the tribes best interest. We must establish a working relationship with the Ogema and maintain cohesiveness among our branches of government. We must work together for the people!!!

If elected - I give you my word, I will work towards these values I have mentioned.

I have aligned myself with the following candidates - Melissa Zelenak / Jerry Ramsey / Josh Stone / Jimmie Mitchell . We pledge to devote ourselves to a healthy and productive Tribal Government. We will maintain a high degree of integrity. We will never forget who we work for.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/5Votes4You> join today.....

miigwech for you time and your support.
Mick Moore

PATRICIA A. RUITER

Boozhoo,
I am currently on Tribal Council; I have worked hard on getting things that would benefit tribal Members. Some examples are:
1. Membership Assistance Programs that benefit all Tribal Members
2. Increases in Healthcare funding and Extended Healthcare.
3. Direct benefits to Members for Food Voucher and other programs.
Here are a few concerns I have:
1. I believe Tribal Members should have a card for healthcare and go to their own doctors.
2. The Tribe currently has \$1 million dollar travel and training budget. I think we could better serve the Tribal Members by taking away this money. This money should be used for making things better for the members.
3. We spend a lot of money on cell phones. Work only eight hours a week at the office, then you don't need a cell phone.
4. I share same concerns as Tribal Member's have, id there money being spent that is foolish spending? I think so, the travel money is one example.
I encourage Members to read my voting record, and note the number of meetings that have not been missed.
Miigwech,

Patricia A. Ruiter
2347 Northland Trails
P.O. Box 1071
Baldwin Michigan, Mi. 49304
(231) 745-2093 after 7pm.

Other Candidates for At-Large

Jessica L. Burger

Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaá Aníshinaábek
LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723-8288



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2/22/05
All Tribal members
Election Board
Reminders for voting in 2005 General Election

Memorandum

The Election Board wants to make sure that every vote counts in the 2005 General Election. In order to make sure your vote counts, we would like to offer these reminders when you receive your ballots:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Use a number two pencil to fill out the ballot. NO INK PLEASE!
On the ballot, COMPLETELY mark in the arrows next to the names of the candidates you are voting for.
Place your ballot in the Secrecy Envelope. Place the Secrecy Envelope in the Official Ballot Envelope.
SIGN the back of the Official Ballot Envelope where indicated.
Remember, the Election Board must RECEIVE your ballot by noon on April 29, 2005. The earlier you send it in the better!

A REMINDER FROM THE ELECTION BOARD

To our Tribal members. We would to inform you that the Election Board is a voluntary Board. We are not government employees, and do not keep regular office hours.
The best time to contact the Board is on Tuesday afternoon at their regular weekly meeting. Or you may leave a voice message, and we will return your call as soon as possible.
Toll free 888-723-8288 ext. 6852 or {231} 398-6852

The Election Board:

Mark Bowen-Chairman
Virginia Lenartowicz
David Lilleberg
John Ross

Correction/Clarification

Last month’s issue contained a reprint of the Notice of Election for the 2005 General Election. The Notice of Election was issued on November 30, 2004. At that time, Kathy Bowen was a voting member of the Election Board. Kathy Bowen is no longer a voting member of the Election Board, but she is working for the Board as its Recording Secretary.

There is yet another “correction” which should be made. On page 9 under Notice of Election for Elected Officials.
It should read:
Five (5) Tribal Council positions
(3) Nine County
(1) At-Llarge and
(1) Outlying

The slate of Candidates on page 10 clearly shows those positions. The information should be consistant.
This was an Election Board error, not the *Currents*.
Thank you,
Election Board

LRBOI Direct Contact Numbers

Ogema’s Office	231-398-6824	Public Safety	231-398-3413
Tribal Council	231-398-6845	Tribal Court	231-398-3406
Elaine Porter	231-398-6833	Peacekeeping	231-398-3397
Pat Ruiter	231-398-6831	Education	231-398-6724
Pamela Medahko	231-398-6849	Elders	231-398-6709
Steve Parsons	231-398-6830	Enrollment	231-398-6713
Brian Medacco	231-398-6828	Food Commodities	231-398-6715
Janine Sam	231-398-6834	Housing	231-398-6730
Tammy Kleeman Brown	231-398-6835	Human Resources	231-398-6704
Israel Stone	231-398-6807	Warriors Society	231-398-6720
Lisa McCatty	231-398-6719	Be-Da-Bin	231-398-6604
Accounting	231-398-6878	CHR Office	231-398-6629
Economic Development	231-398-6806	Clinic Operations	231-398-6630
Election Board	231-398-6852	Contract Health	800-723.8299
Grants	231-398-6870	Family Services	231-398-6621
Legal	231-398-6822	Natural Resources	231-723-1594
Member’s Assistance	231-398-6731	Gaming Commission	231-723-7755
Planning	231-398-6810	Toll Free	888-723-8288
Public Information	231-398-6840	Health Toll Free	888-382-8299
Reception	888-723-8288	Little River Casino Resort	888-568-2244
Language	231-398-9378		
Language Hotline	877-789-0993		
Prosecuting Attorney	231-398-3384		

Financial Department

United Tribes Summit – Petoskey (Victories Casino/Hotel)



The Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians hosted the winter United Tribes of Michigan Summit on February 24th and 25th. Representatives from the 12 tribes gathered for the summit and for discussions on many topics of common interest to their members. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was represented by Ogema Lee Sprague, Tribal Council Speaker Steve Parsons and Tribal Council members, Pamela Medahko, Tammy Kleeman-Brown, Brian Medacco, Elaine Porter and Pat Ruiter. Glenn Zaring attended from the Public Information Department. Also in attendance and representing the LRBOI Warrior's Society was Elder Al Medacco. The full schedule of the summit had presentations from gaming leaders with legislative updates; Land Use professionals; the Counsel from Mexico; Frank Ettawageshik on Water

issues and Economic Development issues with Elder George Bennett. Ernie Stevens, Jr., the chairman of NIGA spoke to the summit about revenue sharing efforts that failed in the 108th Congress. The IGRA amendment dealt with revenue sharing and establishing of limits on tribes. Some governors had wanted an amendment controlling funds in lieu of negotiating compacts with various tribes. Mr. Stevens said that, if passed, this would have held back economic development activities by many tribes. Stevens also talked about the proposed Internet Gaming Bills (House 2143 and Senate 627) that would empower race tracks and lotteries but which would exclude the tribal gaming enterprises from participating. "An attack on tribal sovereignty," is how Stevens described the Internet Tobacco Bill that has been brought before congress. He feels that the bill as written is an "infringement" on the tribes and should be defeated. Stevens also brought other topics to the summit for their information. He stated that

Tribal Gaming also generates \$18.5 billion dollars in business annually and said that the proposed amendments to tax codes regarding bonding legislation which apply to states and local authorities, exclude the tribes and should be opposed. Pamela Medahko made a point to the assembled leaders that we all owe Ernie Stevens a debt of gratitude for his assistance to the Michigan Tribes during the Proposal One Racino campaign. Frank Ettawageshik also recognized Stevens for his work with Tribal Youth on the anti-drug programs. He said that Stevens has been "an inspiration" for everyone.

Elsewhere at the summit:

- Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Aaron Payment made presentations to each of the tribal leaders of handmade boxes to transport and protect the Sacred Arrows given to them at the previous summit. (See related article in this issue)
- Frank Ettawageshik presented medicine pouches to each of the tribal leaders from Little Traverse Bay Band in recognition of the summit. He also expressed support for continued cooperation among the 12 tribes and talked about how much we could accomplish working together.
- Mexican Counsel Oscar de la Torre (Detroit) addressed the summit concerning the Native population of his country with 66 languages, 85 ethnic

groups and 104 million people. He talked about the reservation concerns with some that cross national borders and spoke about the benefits of building on 'a relationship (of blood) that we already have' through our Native peoples.

- Hans Voss (Michigan Land Use Institute-Benzie) spoke extensively on the need to create 'walkable' communities and stop the sprawl that takes away our open spaces. Voss talked about how the sprawl of building causes problems for all peoples.
- Pamela Medahko gave an excellent presentation on the concerns of our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated and not being allowed to practice their faith. She brought in Theresa Villarreal, a corrections official who told of how Native Americans spiritual rights are being violated constantly by corrections officials who have a mandate to respect the beliefs but do so at their convenience.

The conference concluded with a discussion on the United Tribes Charter and its continued role within the state of Michigan.

*Glenn Zaring
Director
Public Information Department
Joseph Sowmick, PR Director for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe was presented with a special red "Warriors Arrow" by Al Medacco (LRBOI Warriors Society) for all the work he has done to help the tribes.*

Natural Resource Department Up-Date

FISH CALL LIST

Spring is around the corner and it is time to sign up for fish distribution from the Natural Resource Department Great Lake Fish Assessments.

We distribute mostly Lake Trout and the supply is limited so sign up now!

If you are 55 and over, please fill out the below information and mail it to us to be added to our distribution list. Remember we try to call you one day ahead, but you must pickup the fish the day we tell you they are ready.

FISH CALL LIST				
Name	Phone	Tribal ID	Elder	Non-elder
Address		State	Zip	

Mail to: LRBOI Natural Resource Department
Atten: Bonnie Harnish, AA
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

Culture

Regalia, Dance & Singing Class

Wenesh pii:
Regalia Class every Wednesday starting March 2nd
thru April 20th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Dance & Singing Class on Saturday, April 9th
10:00 am—4:00 pm
with a potluck lunch

Aanii piish:
Tribal Community Center
1780 US-31 South
Manistee, MI 49660

For more information, please contact the
Tribal Historic Preservation Department at:

1-888-723-8288 or (231) 398-9363
or email cpc@lrboi.com



Come enjoy the company
of other Tribal members
while learning how to
make your own regalia,
dance and sing.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Spring Jiingtamok

April 22, 2005
7:00 p.m. Grand Entry
Little River Three Fires Conference Center

For more information, please call 231-398-9363 or toll-free

"Dode Nmamaadiziwin Akiing" "The Family Good Life On Earth"

(Sponsored by Family Services)

April 22, 2005
Little River Three Fires Conference Center

3:30—5:00 pm Pow Wow Etiquette & Living Life on the Pow Wow Trail
5:00—6:30 pm Feast
7:00—? Spring Jiingtamok

For more information on "Dode Nmamaadiziwin Akiing",
please call 231-398-6614 or toll-free at 1-888-382-8299
or email shunt@lrboi.com

Bring your family to this event to learn or enhance your knowledge of living
life on the Pow Wow trail along with basic Pow Wow etiquette.



John Ross

The Little River Currents would like to introduce our second featured Veteran, John Ross. John served in the U.S. Navy and was in the Pacific area during WWII. He is one of our five WWII Veterans registered in the Warrior Society. John Ross was born and raised in Glenn Arbor, Michigan. He now resides with his wife Dorothy in Muskegon, Michigan. John and Dorothy are the loving parents of 9 Children; Greg, James, Frances, Dale, Dena, Peggy, Candy, Darlene, and Don. He is a retired electrician from S.D. Warren Co., where he worked for thirty-seven and a half years. John enjoys fishing, traveling, working on golf carts and home maintenance. John is a proud and active Tribal Member who currently serves on the election board, he has also been a critical part of the Housing Commission, since it was originally founded. John is also one of the most active veterans in the Warrior Society and is very proud to have served his country. Without men like John we wouldn't be able to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

The next veteran the Little River Currents will be introducing is Jacob Wabindato. If you have information on Mr. Wabindato that you would like to share with the Membership or pictures that you think might be new to his family, please do not hesitate to call the Currents at 231-398-6864 or 1-888-723-8288.

Thank you to all veterans for securing for us the Freedoms and Rights the world enjoys today!

HELP DESIGN A PLACEMAT

FAMILIES...we need your drawings or mottos (sayings) for.....

APRIL is....

National Crime Victims Rights week... 10th – 16th

National Youth Service Days... 15th – 17th

National Volunteer Week... 17th – 23rd

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

*Please pick a topic from the above list

* Draw a picture or

*Create a snappy ‘motto’ or ‘saying’

* Be sure to sign your work with your: Name and Age

DEADLINE is March 31st

Items may be sent one of three ways:

1. mail to:

Family Service Department

375 River St.

Manistee, MI 49660

Att: shunt

Email to: shunt@lrboi.com

Fax to: 1.231.398.6647

We will try to incorporate as many entries as possible and be making placemats for local restaurants.



NATIVEVIEWS

INFLUENCES OF MODERN CULTURE

Attention tribal artists! An event is taking shape in Ludington at the end of May for you to display your art. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a major participant in an art event taking place in the city and we have been asked to extend an offer to you, our artists, to display your arts and crafts. If you are interested, please call Paco at 231-845-0507 for details. Further information on the event will be available shortly.

Send your article submissions and story notices to edrouin@lrboi.com

March News Commodity Department 2005



The commodity department is looking forward to the Spring Membership Meeting , we have some new information pamphlets and new recipe book

The commodity department serves 13 counties : Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, Wexford, Osecola, Mecosta.

For more information call:
1-888-723-8288 or 1-231-398-6715
Ask for Yvonne Theodore or Frances Lawrence.

Peanut Butter Bunny Crisp Cake

- 6 tablespoon Butter or margarine
- 2-10oz. packages of marshmallows
- 2 cups crisp rice cereal
- no-stick cooking spray & jellybeans, licorice, gumdrops, decorative candy
- Glaze (optional)
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- ½ cup brown sugar, packed
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 ½ cup sifted powder sugar



- 1- In large saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows, stir until completely melted and remove from heat.
- 2- Stir in peanut butter and mix well to incorporate.
- 3- Add rice cereal and stir until well coated.
- 4- Press into two 9 inch pans, well coated with cooking spray and allow to cool.
- 5- Cut ears and bow tie from one cake. This is done by cutting two football shaped ears from the top bottom of one cake layer, leaving a bow tie shape piece in the middle.
- 6- Position two ears at top of whole round cake and place bow tie under face. Apply optional glaze if desired. Decorate with favorite candy.

Cream Cheese Fudge (diabetic)

- 16 oz. cream cheese, softened
 - 6 Tbs. Cocoa
 - 2 Tbs. Butter, softened
 - ½ cups sugar substitute (aspartame sweetener)
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - ½ cup chopped pecans
- In small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, chocolate, butter, sweetener and vanilla until smooth.
- Stir in pecans, pour into 8 inch square baking pan lined with foil. Cover and refrigerate over night.
- Cut into 16 squares and served chilled.

Hope you enjoyed the recipes Happy Easter to all.



Natural Resources

February, 2005 Vol. 2 Issue 2

Winter Water Sampling

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LRBOI
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Basic water sampling occurs seasonally to determine trends and shifts in water chemistry. Water cycles can alter nutrient dynamics and it is important to know what is a trend and what is a warning sign of impaired water. Long-term seasonal sampling will give the Tribe the ability to tease out trends as well as notice indicators of a problem. Sampling is funded primarily through the U.S. EPA. Results will lead to the development of water quality standards as well as informed management decisions.

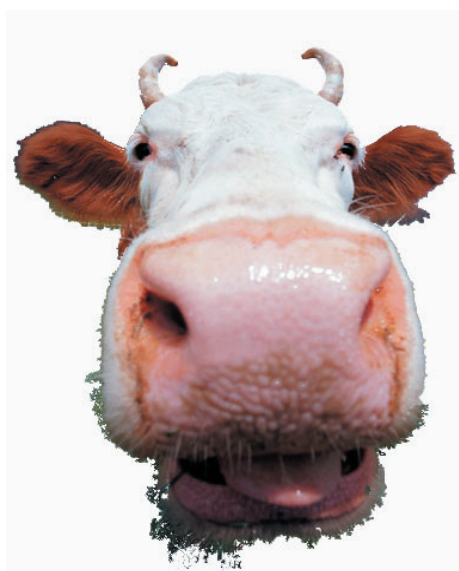
Watch your step!

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Natural Resources Department would like to remind you that, although it is late in the season, the ice over lakes and rivers might not be thick enough to support a crossing. One of our staff recently experienced this when he made a crossing on snowmobile.

He thought it was safe to follow his tracks on foot - He went through the ice.

May this be a lesson to us all; the speed at which a snowmobile travels, as well as its length disperses its weight making it possible to travel on ice that is otherwise unsafe to cross. This winter has been cold at times, but has also been punctuated by warm days. This makes ice conditions difficult to assess.

Manistee County 4-H News



Manistee County 4-H is in the midst of another exciting year of great learning experiences, shared fellowship, and organized teamwork. And, as always, we strive for a renewed commitment to our motto, "To make the best better!" Many of our friends and supporters out there are very familiar with the 4-H pledge of "Head, Heart, Hands and Health," and the fact that it's a pledge with a goal that has remained steadfast for over a hundred years.

Enrollment for returning members and leaders occurs from October through December, and new enrollments are invited to join until March 1st. During this same period, the 3 governing 4-H councils – Advisory, Horse, and Livestock – will be searching for new members and officer candidates for their upcoming annual elections.

There are some new council developments to report as well. In September, plans were launched to create a new "Companion Animal Subcommittee" that will function under the leadership of the 4-H Advisory Council. Among the goals of the this group will be to plan and oversee all 4-H Dog Project activities, the "Companion Animal Interviews" event at the Manistee County Fair, and the new 4-H Leader Dog project involvement. Also in September, the 4-H Horse Council approved a move to split into and function as 2 separate and distinct committees – one that will focus solely on the planning and development of the annual 4-H Horse Show at the fair, and another that will be concerned with all aspects of the summer 4-H Speed & Action events that take place at Rockin' R Ranch in Bear Lake. We are also happy to report that we will hopefully begin a shooting sports club in the spring. We have leader candidates who are interested, and the search is on for meeting and practice locations.

The new 4-H Leader Dog project is an exciting venture for Manistee County 4-H! For the past several months, local Lion and community volunteer Clara Saari, accompanied by Debra Laws, the coordinator of this county's 4-H program, has

approached all the Lions clubs of Manistee county asking for financial support. The goal is to select a 4-H family – and probably more than one – who will eventually raise a Leader Dog puppy with financial assistance coming from the funds donated by the Lions. Plans are nearly finalized for this effort, but still to be determined officially is whether Benzie county 4-H families will also be eligible, and if Lions clubs in Benzie county will also be contributing. (There are several Manistee County 4-H activities that do include 4-Hers from Benzie county, if there will be some county fair involvement - as Benzie county does not have its own fair - and an additional goal of this program is to highlight the Leader Dogs at the 4-H Dog Show at the fair).

Youth ages 5 – 19 are invited to become involved in Manistee County 4-H clubs, and a special request goes out to interested adults who wish to become registered 4-H volunteers. There is a great need for experienced and knowledgeable adults to lead in such program areas as horse and livestock, dog and cat care, gardening, photography, fine arts, and performing arts. There is also a special place for adults with other skills - to help as council members and officers, assist with various 4-H educational events, and to

serve as trip chaperones.

If you or someone you know has talent or expertise to share with the youth in this area, we invite you to contact the MSU Extension office in Manistee county. A background check, interview session, and orientation process are required. In some cases, applicants who are new to the community or lack sufficient background in youth related activities are invited to join existing clubs for the training and experience before establishing clubs on their own.

For more information about the Manistee County 4-H program, please contact Debra Laws at MSU Extension of Manistee County at 231-889-4277, or e-mail us at manistee@msu.edu. We also invite you to visit our website at www.msue.msu.



REMEMBERING AN ANCIENT TEACHING STRENGTH IN UNITY



An ancient teaching of “unity in strength” emerged during the Kewadin Summit when Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council Member, Pamela Medahko, and Al Medacco, Tribal Elder and Commander of the Warrior Society, gave a presentation. Symbolizing an ancient teaching, twelve handcrafted arrows that were made by Mr. Medacco were blessed and given to Pamela. These arrows were then presented to each of the twelve tribes

of Michigan where Little River Band of Ottawa IndiansPeacemaker, Steve Lewis, conducted a Pipe Ceremony and assisted with this distinctive presentation. For Pamela, these arrows represent the renewal of our Alliance as Anishinaabek, a message that must be conveyed to our People. Working together with the same intent and compassion of the heart toward a legacy of leadership for the good of all our people. “Banding these arrows together are much stronger and amplifies the purpose of brotherhood – reminding us to stay on the Sacred Red Path using an ancient teaching for a new generation.” Each of the 12 arrows were handcrafted by, Al Medacco, who spoke of being honored

to be a part of renewing the spirit of strength and unity of the tribes, and honored to speak to all of his relations at this summit, stating, “We are all family.” Mr. Medacco explains that these arrows were made the traditional way by chipping the heads from flint, then getting cedar to make the shaft straight and true. The feathers are natural barred and are fastened by using glue made from the hooves of deer. They are tied on with sinew. Each tribe will paint their own Tribal colors on their arrow. The final step is having the Creator bless them for they were made with good thoughts and intent. We are reminded that one arrow can be broken more easily than a bundle of 12. The intent is to have each of the 12 Michigan tribes bring their arrow to the summits where each arrow

will be banded to a bundle of 12 symbolizing strength in unity. The 12 Tribes of Michigan are: Bay Mills, Sagniaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Potawatomi Indians (Gun Lake), Hannahville, Huron Potawatomi, Keweenaw Bay, LacVieus Desert Band of Superior Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Sault Ste. Marie of Chippewa Indians. Mr. Medacco thanks the Tribal Council of the Little River Band for their consideration and heartfelt contribution toward the arrows that were made.

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MANISTEE COUNTY		WEXFORD COUNTY	
CHOICES		OASIS/Family Resource Center	
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Fund/Program	2005 Proposed	Tribal Funds	Grant Funds	Other Funds
Planning				
Planning	161,555	161,555		
Economic Deve	0	0		
Tribal Historic P	313,704	313,704		
Grants	244,011	244,011		
Watershed Initia	405,873		405,873	
USFWS Bobcat	65,603	189	65,414	
Grant Match	400,000	400,000		
Lake Sturgeon \$	144,393		144,393	
Brownfields Gra	32,724		32,724	
Tribal Response	125,828		125,828	
Tribal Response	126,537		126,537	
Sub-total:	2,020,228	1,119,459	900,769	0
Housing				
Housing Admini	549,249	549,249		
IHBG2003	372,317		372,317	
IHBG2002	368,791		368,791	
IHBG2001	350,765		350,765	
IHBG2000	273,010		273,010	
ICDBG Rural H	159,415	159,415		
IHBG 2004	377,913		377,913	
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Member Services				
Leadership Inter	0	0		
Family Violence	24,710		24,710	
Bereavement P	150,000	150,000		
Members Assist	3,020,853	3,020,853		
Language Camp	29,600	29,600		
Anishinaabemda	153,260	153,260		
Enrollment	169,963	169,963		
Public Informati	229,364	229,364		
Family Services	773,128	479,237	293,891	
Education	811,136	714,356	96,780	
IHS Well & Sep	51,841		51,841	
Food Commodit	48,069	48,069		
Family Violence	25,731		25,731	
LIHEAP 2004	15,292		15,292	
Sub-total:	5,502,947	4,994,702	508,245	0
Regulatory				
Election Board	105,526	105,526		
Surveillance	1,437,359			1,437,359
Gaming Complie	513,770			513,770
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Lake Strugeon f	60,581	60,581		
Natural Resourc	731,760	478,339	253,421	
Great Lakes Ass	453,315	206,065	247,250	
EPA 106 Grant	186,907	6,508	180,399	
EPA GAP Grant	220,000		220,000	
Circle of Flight	20,000		20,000	
Ombudsman	68,047	68,047		
Sub-total:	4,677,512	925,066	921,070	2,831,376

Public Safety				
Public Safety	1,177,732	487,144	354,564	336,024
Great Lakes En	498,182	250,932	247,250	
BJA Bulletproof	2,621		2,621	
Inland Enforcem	380,777	380,777		
COPS T/R 2003	68,115	68,115		
COPS T/R 2002	57,576	29,609	27,967	
COPS T/R 2004	201,710	50,427	151,283	
Sub-total:	2,386,713	1,267,004	783,685	336,024

Approved FY2005 Budget

On December 15, 2004, the Tribal Council approved the FY2005 Tribal Government Operations Budget with a number of amendments and placed specific restrictions on certain allocations within department budgets pending the receipt of detailed justification for those expenditures. The Ogema’s office prepared and submitted an amended budget document to the Tribal Council, which included the requested detailed justification for those restricted program allocations.

On February 2, 2005, the Tribal Council formally accepted the amended budget document submitted by the Ogema’s office, and released the restrictions placed on certain departmental budgets.

The Tribal Ogema has determined that providing this budgetary information is critical in keeping the Tribal membership informed as to the fiscal matters of the Tribe, to the extent possible. The Source of Funds Summary demonstrates the estimated breakdown of anticipated funding by program (i.e. tribal, grant, other). Also included is a Combined Division Summary, which is a more detailed breakdown of estimated expenditures by functional category. In total, the approved FY2005 Budget was a reduction of \$3,046,964 (8.1%) from the FY2004 approved budget.

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Combined Division Summary - FY2005												
Line-Item	Council Operations	Admin. Support	Judicial	Health	Capital Projects	Members Services	Regulatory	Public Safety	Planning	Housing	Total FY2005	Total FY2004
Governmental Branch:	Legislative	Executive	Judicial	Executive	Executive	Executive	Executive	Executive	Executive	Executive		
Salaries	1,070,306	2,089,618	252,096	1,172,745	42,160	892,771	2,093,155	1,045,989	485,543	393,031	9,537,414	9,516,163
Fringes	481,638	940,327	113,443	527,851	15,600	401,763	925,518	475,100	192,890	158,826	4,232,956	3,487,770
Tribal Activities	243,668	53,300	2,800	29,310	0	178,175	600	11,800	455,300	1,000	975,953	712,083
Client Services	0	0	0	1,412,500	0	3,531,001	0	0	0	0	4,943,501	5,131,108
Professional Services	1,453,250	912,414	52,000	148,940	0	123,901	636,535	14,636	589,636	12,000	3,943,312	4,589,087
Stipends	147,600	6,000	5,220	0	0	0	48,000	0	0	0	206,820	203,000
Vehicles	0	18,800	0	0	0	3,770	12,400	165,744	0	11,000	211,714	396,481
Rental & Leasing	0	4,000	3,173	32,965	0	11,260	23,750	0	0	800	75,948	45,649
Property Repair/Maintenance	0	45,750	1,000	0	0	0	3,000	2,000	0	10,100	61,850	107,580
Dues & Subscriptions	29,540	7,350	1,360	4,425	0	3,175	15,554	1,200	4,050	5,000	71,654	52,065
License Fees & Permits	0	0	0	3,180	0	280	0	35,000	0	300	38,760	0
Sponsorships & Donations	5,000	6,000	0	0	0	3,600	0	0	0	0	14,600	9,700
Advertising	0	3,500	250	0	0	4,100	4,954	0	0	500	13,304	33,415
Printing Costs	15,000	34,400	0	0	0	29,260	15,800	4,500	17,000	500	116,460	134,922
Postage & Freight	13,500	66,650	300	8,330	0	25,750	19,100	0	4,800	3,185	141,615	159,193
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	0	37,150	1,000	4,500	0	5,200	24,500	14,000	0	500	86,850	0
Small Equipment & Furniture	19,800	62,200	6,000	27,600	2,200	21,336	171,646	52,800	25,118	34,026	422,726	527,558
Supplies	33,000	122,100	1,800	49,430	4,000	40,753	124,032	43,647	58,744	13,359	490,865	694,054
Books & Reference Materials	37,000	3,240	1,000	4,400	0	3,000	7,100	2,400	3,000	0	61,140	64,086
Taxes	0	162,750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,000	174,750	151,950
Training	19,800	71,250	13,500	22,500	0	34,385	61,350	168,167	10,000	16,312	417,264	389,854
Travel	96,600	57,100	12,000	44,100	3,000	41,508	124,720	48,152	52,612	29,562	509,354	701,944
Uniforms	0	3,050	0	0	0	0	6,055	27,364	0	200	36,669	58,383
Meals & Entertainment	2,000	11,000	0	0	0	1,000	2,900	1,000	0	250	18,150	16,846
Utilities	0	171,340	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	196,340	191,020
Phones/Beepers	15,600	221,800	432	15,825	1,500	5,100	26,460	7,200	5,312	4,300	303,529	364,596
Capital Outlay	0	137,350	0	0	400,000	21,540	0	111,562	0	1,603,046	2,273,498	8,239,370
Contingency	0	398,527	0	0	3,156,000	1,200	0	0	6,100	0	3,561,827	0
Indirect Cost Expense	0	0	0	138,479	25,540	97,443	222,966	103,632	96,771	116,663	801,494	898,005
Space Cost	37,145	101,104	40,274	39,995	0	21,676	107,417	50,820	13,352	0	411,783	523,182
Total:	\$3,720,447	\$5,748,070	\$507,648	\$3,687,075	\$3,650,000	\$5,502,947	\$4,677,512	\$2,386,713	\$2,020,228	\$2,451,460	\$34,352,100	\$37,399,064
(3,046,964)												

CHS and EHAP News

Hopefully by the time you read this, there will be signs of Spring in the air! I don’t know about you, but I am getting tired of the cold and flu season. Time to clean out the old winter dust bunnies, open the windows and breathe the fresh air! I have a few reminders and one announcement for you all. I will start with the announcement:

We will be starting to get everyone on the same schedule for reassessments. They will be mailed out in June/July for completion. The absolute deadline to return them will be September 1st. We will need to have an accurate count for funding purposes for Indian Health Services. This will give us the time we need to make sure everyone’s file is complete, updated, and accurate. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

As for the reminders, you all know that we need AT LEAST a 48-hour notice for non-emergent appointments. Please remember to put your confirmation numbers (EHAP Members) on your bills/claims being submitted for payment/reimbursement. Remember that no purchase orders are sent for emergencies. The bills we receive are sent back asking for the physician notes. The Managed Care committee reviews the notes for priority (How emergent was it? Was it life or death or loss of limb?) and decides if the claim is payable.

When filling out an application or a reassessment, please remember to SIGN all the pages. This will eliminate your waiting time. If all the pages are not signed, we have to mail them back for a signature and then you have to mail them back to us. A very timely process for all involved.

Please note that your Tribal ID DOES NOT count as a proof of residence. It must be your driver’s license, state ID, or a Utility bill in your name with the current address on it.

Please remember to call with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the CHS/EHAP program(s). If you are not sure of a covered service, please ask. I would hate to have you assume coverage and be responsible for the bill. Our toll free number at the clinic is 1.888.382.8299 or 231.723.8299. Have an awesome Spring! Miigwech.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Wright
CHS/EHAP Supervisor

Economic Development

Small Business Development Resource

Nita Guenthardt, Economic Development Coordinator

Entrepreneur Workshop Part 2, March 2005

What is a Business Plan?

The primary reason to write your business plan is to create a written outline that evaluates all of the economic viability of your business venture. It will provide a complete description and analysis of your business prospects.

A business plan is an essential step for any prudent entrepreneur to take, regardless of the size of the business. This step is too often skipped, leaving the entrepreneur unprepared for downturns and hazards that could be avoided or better prepared for. Business plans can vary enormously. Libraries and bookstores have books devoted to business plan formats. This is just a starting point. You can go from here to design one that would be ideal for your particular enterprise.

Be aware now that most start-up entrepreneurs are reluctant to write down their business plan. To make it is easy for you, we can help by providing sample plans for both product and service businesses and an attractive blank form that you can download onto MS Word and customize yourself.

Why Prepare a Business Plan?

Your business plan is going to be useful in a number of ways. Here are some of the reasons not to skip this valuable tool.

- First, it will define and focus you on your objective, by gathering appropriate information and getting facts together to prepare a clear analysis.
- You can use it as a selling tool in dealing with your lenders, investors and banks.
- You can use the plan to solicit opinions and advice from people, including those in your intended field of business, who will freely give you invaluable advice. Too often, entrepreneurs forge ahead ("My Way!") without the benefit of input from experts who could save them a great deal of wear and tear. "My Way" is a great song, but in practice can result in unnecessary hardships. To help get started in lining up appointments, **include:** Your investors, Tribal Economic advisors, family members, banker, lawyer, attorney, business mentors, trusted business friends, potential customers, competitors (distant ones), potential landlords, the U.S. Small Business Administration.

What to Avoid in Your Business Plan

Place reasonable limits on long-term, future projections. (Long-term means over one year.) Stick with short-term objectives and modify the plan as your business progresses. Often, long-range planning becomes meaningless because the reality of your business can be different from your initial concept. Avoid optimism. In fact, be extremely conservative in predicting capital requirements, timelines, sales and profits. Few business plans correctly anticipate how much money and time will be required. Do not ignore spelling out what your strategies will be in the event of business adversities. Use simple language in explaining the issues. Make it easy to read and understand. Don't depend entirely on the uniqueness of your business or even a patented invention. Success comes to those who start businesses with great economics and not necessarily great inventions.

Business Plan Format: A Systematic Assessment of all the Factors Critical to Your Business Purpose and Goals

Here are some suggested topics you can tailor into your plan:

- **A vision statement:** This will be a concise outline of what your business purpose and goals will be.
- **The people:** By far the most important ingredient for your success will be yourself. Focus on how your prior experiences will be applicable to your new business. Prepare a resume of yourself and one for each person who will be involved with you in starting the business. Be factual and avoid hype. This part of your business plan will be read very carefully by those with whom you will be having relationships, including lenders, investors and vendors. Templates for preparing resumes are available in your library, bookstores and the Internet under "resumes."

Remember, you cannot be someone who you are not. If you lack the ability to perform a key function, include this in your business plan. For example, if you lack the ability to train staff, include an explanation how you will compensate for this deficiency. You could add a partner to your plan, or plan to hire key people who will provide skills you don't have.

Include biographies of all your intended management.

- **Your business profile:** Define and describe your intended business and **exactly how** you plan to go about it. Try to stay focused on the specialized market you intend to serve.
- **Economic assessment:** Provide a complete assessment of the economic environment in which your business will become a part. Explain how your business will be appropriate for the regulatory agencies and demographics with which you will be dealing. If appropriate, provide demographic studies and traffic flow data normally available from local planning departments.
- **Cash flow** assessment: Include a one-year cash flow that will incorporate your capital requirements. Include your assessment of what could go wrong and how you would plan to handle problems.
- Include your marketing plan and expansion plans.

Six Steps to a Great Business Plan

Start-up entrepreneurs often have difficulty writing out business plans. This discipline is going to help you in many ways so **don't skip this planning tool!** To make it easier, here are six steps that will get you to a worthwhile plan:

1. *Write out* your basic business concept.
2. Gather *all the data* you can on the feasibility and the specifics of your business concept.
3. *Focus* and refine your concept based on the data you have compiled.
4. Outline the specifics of your business. Using a “What, where, why, how” approach might be useful.
5. Put your plan into a compelling form so that it will not only give you insights and focus but, at the same time, will become a valuable tool in dealing with business relationships that will be very important to you.
6. Review sample plans.

Be Sure Your Plan Includes the Following Factors to Produce a Successful Business Venture

- **A sound business concept.** The single most common mistake made by entrepreneurs is not picking the right business to begin with. The best way to learn about your prospective business is to work for someone else in that business before beginning your own. There can be a huge gap between your concept of a fine business and reality.
- **Understanding of your market.** A good way to test your understanding is to test market your product or service before your start. You think you have a great kite that will capture the imagination of kite fliers throughout the world. Then hand-make some of them and try selling them first.
- **A healthy, growing and stable industry.** Remember that some of the great inventions of all time, like airplanes and cars, did not result in economic benefit for many of those who tried to exploit these great advances. For example, the cumulative earnings of all airlines since Wilber Wright flew that first plane are less than zero. (Airline losses have been greater than their profits.) Success comes to those who find businesses with great economics and not necessarily great inventions or advances to mankind.
- **Capable management.** Look for people, who you like and admire, have good ethical values, have complementary skills and are smarter than you. Plan to hire people who have the skills that you lack. Define your unique ability and seek out others who turn your weaknesses into strengths.
- **Able financial control.** You will learn later the importance of becoming qualified in accounting, computer software and cash flow management. Most entrepreneurs do not come from accounting backgrounds and must go back to school to learn these skills. **Would you bet your savings in a game where you don't know how to keep score?** People mistakenly do it in business all the time.
- **A consistent business focus.** As a rule, people who specialize in a product or service will do better than people who do not specialize will. Focus your efforts on something that you can do so well that you will not be competing solely based on price.

TOP TEN DO'S	TOP TEN DON'TS
1. Prepare a complete business plan for any business you are considering.	1. Don't be optimistic (on the high side) in estimating future sales.
2. Use business plan templates furnished on the Internet, follow each step.	2. Don't be optimistic (on the low side) in estimating future costs.
3. Complete your business plan in sections as we proceed through the series.	3. Don't disregard or discount weaknesses in your plan. Spell them out.
4. Research (use search engines) to find business plans that is available on the Internet.	4. Don't stress long-term projections. Better to focus on projections for your first year.
5. Package your business plan in an attractive kit as a selling tool.	5. Don't depend entirely on the uniqueness of your business or the success of an invention.
6. Submit your business plan to experts in your intended business for their advice.	6. Do not project yourself as someone you're not. Be brutally realistic. (Ask your relatives)
7. Spell out your strategies on how you intend to handle adversities.	7. Do not be everything to everybody. Highly focused specialists usually do best.
8. Spell out the strengths and weaknesses of your management team.	8. Don't proceed without adequate financial and accounting knowledge.
9. Include a monthly one-year cash flow projection.	9. Don't base your business plan on a wonderful concept. Test it first.
10. Freely and frequently modify your business plans to account for changing conditions.	10. Never, ever skip the step of preparing a business plan before starting.

Remember: Excellence is a journey we begin each day. Have a great day.

If you are ready and can't wait for the rest of the series, call Nita in Economic Development 398-6006, to set an appointment to complete your plan. We now have a dedicated computer station to assist in preparing your business plan.

Remembering the Past....

Submitted by Valerie Chandler, Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator

“They Did All The Work; This Is Their Story”

(Re-printed from the Manistee Observer, August 14, 1994)

How long has it been—if ever—wondered Mark Dougher that a person from Manistee, Michigan testified before Congress, brought some in the spectator’s area to tears, and changed history. He said the impact of what Dan Bailey and Katie Glocheski did in Washington D.C., is difficult to imagine. But Katie and Dan with the spirits of generations giving them strength, the goodwill of the community members supporting them with letters, and the work and determination of historians, scholars and faithful tribal members propelling them, did something great. Dan described the enormous pressure and the multitude of distracters that has to be dealt with in order to address the Senators. He said you are seated at a table and above you on a curved platform sit the Congressmen: ‘So, first of all you’re looking up, and that’s intimidating, but right in front of you are cameras and photographers. You’re trying to concentrate on what you have to say, but you also have to watch a light that tells you how much time you have. It’s green, yellow, then red, and you’re done. And right behind you are the public; you know they’re all looking at you.’ Dan said he stressed time during his allotted three minutes how long his people have been seeking to have a wrong righted. He named his ancestors who sought reaffirmation and asked if his daughter, who accompanied him, would also have to come to Washington as an adult working on the same redress. Katie talked about the hardships endured and the economic plight she was aware of as a girl. ‘We are the original migrant workers,’ she told the Senators in testimony that was picked up by a wire service and read in newspapers around the country. Dougher said as news broke about the passage of the bill, media in the area sought him out as executive director of the band, for comment. ‘But it’s not my story,’ he said. ‘The story belongs to elders like Margaret Chandler and Katie and to tribal members and board members like Dan, and Bonnie Kenny. They did all the work.’ Dougher points out that he’s a hired hand, and that he isn’t even Indian. He’s Irish.

March 28th – A Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Holiday

March 28th is an official Tribal Holiday. Treaty Recognition Day. What is the reason for this holiday? In 1836 the bands that became the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians signed a treaty with the President of the United States known as the Treaty of Washington or the 1836 Treaty. The treaty was ratified on March 28th and so the Tribe celebrates Treaty Recognition Day. Okay, so the United States didn’t exactly strain to recognize the treaty, why is it important to us? There are several reasons for the Treaty of 1836 to be of importance to Little River Band members. The rights to fish in the Great Lakes like Grand Traverse, Bay Mills, and Sault Ste. Marie are based on the 13th article. The right to hunt and fish within the ceded territory is stipulated here, so the claim of rights other than the great lakes comes from this document. Little River Band’s “home” in Manistee county can be found in the second article. This article reserved 70,000 acres of land on the Peer Marquette or river north. This is the Manistee Reservation, the historic reservation of the bands now called Little River. Public Law 103-324, section 2, paragraph 4 states (in part) “The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians consists of at least 500 members who continue to reside close to their ancestral homeland as recognized in the Manistee Reservation in the 1836 Treaty of Washington...”. Now that I mention it, the very reaffirmation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians can be traced to the treaty of 1836. “The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians are descendants of, and political successors to, signatories of the 1836 treaty of Washington and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit.” Section 2 of 103-324, paragraph 1. (Section 1 is the name of the law, making this the first ‘real’ statement of the act.) So why make Treaty Recognition Day a Tribal holiday? Because the long history of our Tribe’s government to government relationship with the United States “began” with the Treaty of Washington, March 28, 1836. The reaffirmation of our Tribe’s status as a Federal Tribe is due to our ancestor’s signing of it. To honor our ancestors, and to remember our heritage and history, we have to remember this date.

Submitted by the
Tribal Historical Preservation Department

Cultural Mentoring

The Cultural Preservation Committee is looking for young people interested in mentoring with adults during Little River Band of Ottawa Indians’ Jiingtamok activities. Youth will learn first hand what being an arena director, an emcee, head dancer, drummer, etc. is all about. If interested or for more information, please email cpc@lrboi.com or contact the Tribal Historic Preservation office at 1-888-723-8288 or 231-398-9363.

Cultural Preservation Committee Meetings Changed

The Cultural Preservation Committee meetings are now being held every Tuesday at 11:00 am at the Tribal Historic Preservation office located at the Newland property (3031 Domres Road). The public is welcome to attend.

The Cultural Preservation Committee is Looking For...

Do you have an iron, ironing board or sewing machine you are looking to get rid of? The Cultural Preservation Committee is seeking donations of irons, ironing boards and sewing machines that are in good or ‘gently used’ condition and will work without needing any repairs. All donations will be used by Tribal members during Regalia Class each year and will be greatly appreciated. If you’d like to make a donation, please email cpc@lrboi.com or call 231-398-9363 or toll-free at 1-888-723-8288. Miigwech!

Anishinaabe Language



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Anishinaabe Language Hotline

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More verbs	Press 3	Your family members	Press 9
Word opposites	Press 4	His/her family members	Press 10
Verbs	Press 5	Numbers (10-90)	Press 11
Word opposites	Press 6	Commands	Press 12

New lessons

I am going to change the format of the language lessons that I have been putting in the newsletter, and that is I am going to explain a few things that have been brought to my attention through Emails and phone calls. I have some explanations on the website. Word origins; Some words cannot be translated because they were never in our culture. Most of these words pertain to technology and diseases. One example is the word for clock. The word now is Dabagiiswaan. The first part of the word daba comes from the word to measure, giis comes from the word giizis which is the sun and waan makes it an object, so what we are saying when we say dabagiiswaan is an object that measures the sun. There will be another word next month. Miigwech

Match the words		Answers from last month	
Winter	Zhaawanong	Wiin	Him/her, his/her, he/she
Eagle	Binojiinhs	Genii	I also, me too.
Baby	Peboon	Niinwe	We, us, our, him/her and I (ex)
Sweet grass	Wiingash	Gewiinwa	They also, them also, their also
South	Mgizi	Niinii	Not I, not me, not myself
Black	Mkadewaa	Giigii	Not you (S)
		Wii'ii	Not him/her, not he/she

Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant
231-690-3508
231-933-4406
pheasant9@aol.com
kennypheasant@charter.net

Looking for “Firestarters” in our community to attend Firestarters Certification offered thru *White Bison*.

What is a Firestarter? - “Firestarter” refers to an individual who has the ability to envision the needs and potential (fire or light) within a person or a community.

What Firestarters do? - Firestarters learn to facilitate the culturally appropriate Medicine Wheel and 12 Step Program in an intensive three day and three evening training designed to teach the individual how to conduct the video series and facilitation process for Native American people.

Criteria for Firestarters: - Individual must be sober for one year prior to training. Has experience in recovery (Al-Anon, AA, Gamblers Anonymous, NA, etc). Has demonstrated recovery leadership. Is willing to do 12-step work. Is willing to work on them emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually. Is able to commit to participating in three training sessions (one each year for 3 yrs).

If interested in the Firestarter program please contact:

Julie Wolfe or Don Chertier at Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health 231.398.6604

Send your article submissions and story notices to edrouin@lrboi.com

“Attention Tribal Members!”

If you are interested in serving on one of the Tribal commissions we would like to hear from you. Please send a letter of interest to the attention of Ogema Lee Sprague. If you have questions, please contact Mary Thomas at 231-398-6824.”

Glenn Zaring, Public Information Department

THE LITTLE RIVER BAND TOLL
FREE JOB HOT LINE NUMBER IS
1-866-556-5660

Any questions should be directed to;
- Alyce Giltz 888-723-8288 ext 6704.

Human Resources is looking for anyone interested in temporary employment. Please stop by and fill out an employment application with the Department.

Military Tribal Families

Little River Currents would like create a mailing list of all the tribal men and women who are honorably serving our country in the military. If you, your spouse, your parent or child are currently enrolled in the military, please fill out this form. We would like to know who they are, how they are associated to the tribe (member, wife/husband/child of tribal member), their military title and their current status in the military. You can also give us their mailing coordinates if they are posted out of state. Please fill out this form and return it to us so we can pay tribute to their dedication and possibly start a network to facilitate mail communication.

Tribal Members Enrolled in the Military	
Name:	
Relationship to the Tribe (# if possible):	
Military Title:	
Current Status:	
Mailing Coordinates:	
Your Comments, Message, Prayer, etc.:	
Other Pertinent Information:	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March,2005

• **March 16th**

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• **March 17, 2005**

Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)

Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank building- Third floor 10AM

For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845

• **March 22, 2005**

Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)

Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm

Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Valerie Chandler @213-398-9363 or @ vchandler@lrboi.com

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• **March 29, 2005**

Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)

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• **March 30, 2005**

Regallia Class (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)

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Calendar of Events for April 2005

• **April 5,2005**

Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)

Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm

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• April 6, 2005

Regallia Class (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)

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• **April 6, 2005**

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• **April 9, 2005**

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• **April 13, 2005**

Regallia Class (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)

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• **April 12, 2005**
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
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• **April 19, 2005**
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
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• **April 20,2005**
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
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• **April 20,2005**
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• **April 22, 2005**
Pow Wow Etiquette & Living Life On the Pow Wow Trail
Manistee, Michigan Little River Casino Resort-Three Fires Conference Room (3:30 PM to 5:00 PM), Feast (5:00 PM to 6:30 PM) and Spring Jiingtamok (7:00 PM to ?) sponsored in conjunction with the Family Service Department. For further information, please contact Valerie Chandler @ 231-398-9363 or @vchandler@lrboi.com

• **April 23, 2005**
Spring Membership Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan Little River Casino Resort Conference Center For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845or kblock@lrboi.com

• **April 26, 2005**
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Valerie Chandler @213-398-9363 or @vchandler@lrboi.com

• **April 27, 2005**
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank building- Third floor10AM
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May 2005

• **May 3, 2005**
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
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• **May 4, 2005**
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
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• **May10, 2005**
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
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• **May 11, 2005**
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
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• **May 17, 2005**
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• **May 18, 2005**
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
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• **May 24, 2005**
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
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Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Valerie Chandler @213-398-9363 or @vchandler@lrboi.com

• **May 25, 2005**
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
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• **May 31, 2005**
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
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The Members Assistance Department;

Announcing two new assistance programs available to the Membership.



Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

This program is to provide assistance to Tribal members who are experiencing a housing crisis.

Eligibility Requirements:

a. 18 years or older; or legal parent or guardian of a member who has not yet reached 18 yrs old.

b. Permanent member of the household.

c. Home is located in the continental United States.

d. The household income does not exceed the income criteria set forth by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

e. Received an eviction or foreclosure notice.

f. Received denial for services from another agency.

g. Proof of budgeting issue.

Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month’s rent or mortgage not to exceed \$1000.00.

Food Assistance Program

This program is to provide assistance to Tribal members who are experiencing a dietary/food crisis.

Eligibility Requirements:

a. 18 years or older; or legal parent or guardian of a member who has not yet reached 18 yrs old.

b. Permanent member of the household.

c. Home is located in the continental United States.

d. The household income does not exceed the income criteria set forth by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

e. Special dietary needs.

f. Received denial for services from an agency.

g. Proof of budgeting issue.

Maximum amount of assistance: \$200.00 per year per household.

For information or to request an application, please contact the Members Assistance Department

Phone231-723-8288

or Toll Free888-723-8288

Fax231-398-6748

Lee A. Ivinson

or Amber Moore

Ext - 6718

Ext - 6731

The Story of Snowsnake

Building the Track

In order to build a Snowsnake track, there must be sufficient snow on the ground so that the start of the track, or *pitch hole*, can be made. This is accomplished by piling and packing the snow until it reaches a height of approximately thirty inches. Snow is piled in a straight line and gradually decreased until it is just above ground level. Snow is cleared away from the pitch hole so it is easier for the Snowsnake thrower to run before throwing the snake down the track. When there is enough snow piled and packed, a log of approximately four inches in diameter and twenty feet long is placed on the snow pile, trunk first. The log is slid back and forth until the track reaches a depth of five to six inches. A wire and a small stick are attached to the log so that it may be pulled up and dropped to make the track more firm whenever it is necessary. While the men are dragging the log, others are piling the snow along the track as a means of assurance against any unexpected warm temperature. Then the log is drawn back towards the pitch hole, making the track firmer and smoother. The track is now ready for the game to begin.

How the Snowsnake is Thrown

Throwers vary in their styles of throwing a Snowsnake. The snake may be thrown overhand, underhand, or with a side-arm pitch. The thrower proceeds to the pitch hole at his chosen rate of speed. The thrower must be well balanced when he throws. As he is running to the track his free arm maintains the proper balance. A player will usually wear baseball spikes for traction on the snow and leather gloves for a solid grip on the snake. Just before he nears the track, he raises the snake slightly so that it will be high enough for release. The thrower must then follow through with his shot, otherwise, the snake may only travel a short distance or the thrower may injure himself by holding back. Steel wool or a piece of glass is used to polish the snake, giving it a smooth surface. The snake is then washed in clear water and because wood is porous, it expands, forcing the splinters to stand out. The snake is then dried and sanded again with fine steel wool or sandpaper. As this process is repeated, the snake will expand less and less, making it more water resistant each time.

The most important aspect of the Snowsnake is the balance. The weight or balance at either the tip or end is a major factor when choosing a snake for varying weather conditions. When the desired shape of the Snowsnake is obtained, a melted lead solution is poured through a paper funnel into a carved area on the tip. This is allowed to set and then hardened, carved and sanded smooth to form an arrow-like point. The lead tip serves as added weight and protects the point from splitting. At the opposite end, a u-shaped finger groove is carved which gives the player a firm grip when throwing. After this process, shellac is applied to the snake. Since the shellac also keeps out moisture which slows the snake down, more is applied on dry, cold days or when there is fresh snow. For certain weather conditions and to increase speed, wax may be rubbed on sparingly but evenly over the shellac. Once the Snowsnake goes through the time consuming process of preparation, it may be used repeatedly for small, local games. When an important game or tournament comes up, the shellac and wax

can be scraped off with a knife or steel wool and prepared over again. One shiner might take twenty or thirty Snowsnakes to a competition since the track conditions can change within minutes, requiring a differently prepared snake.

How the Game is Played

There is no limit to the number of teams that may enter a game, but each team is allowed only four throws. The shiner, standing at the end of the track, marks the distance where the lead tip comes to a stop. To win the game a team must acquire four points. One point is awarded to the Snowsnake that travels the farthest; two points if the second farthest Snowsnake is from the same team. A game *out* is called if all four of one team's Snowsnakes are first, second, third and fourth, respectively. If a thrower misses the track or the Snowsnake jumps the track, the Snowsnake cannot be thrown again and the player misses this turn. At each game the participants decide on certain guidelines; these may change with each tournament. To make the tournament more interesting, each team might put in a certain amount of money and the winning team takes all.

Happy Birthday

Julius Wilson born 2-10-05
7lbs. 4oz. 21 1/2 inches

Happy Birthday dad (Jake Antonie) and Christopher Antonie... and Happy belated Birthday Grandpa (Roland Alex Antonie- rest in peace, love and miss you)!
-Love, Amber Antonie

Happy Birthday Misty (Mommy's Little Angel)
-Love, Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday Dad and many more
-Love you Melissa, Jason, and Brianna your daughters and son

Happy Birthday to our wonderful Mother-Esther Zweigle
-From your loving children- Debbie, Julie, Kelly, and Warren

Happy Birthday to our sister- Julie Holmquest
-Love Kelly and Kim

Happy Birthday Raymond Zeeryp Jr. on March 11. We Hope you have fun celebrating the BIG "59"
-Love Sis Dee, Raymond and Ma

If you see "Little Grasshopper" (A.K.A Margaret Scott) on March 27, Wish her a BIG Happy birthday!!! Happy Birthday Margaret
-From Sis Dee, Raymond and Ma

Happy Birthday Raymond Blake on March 15. We Love you a lot
- Love Dee and Ma

Happy Birthday to the Boys
James, March 16
Alex, March 19
Joshua, March 31
- Love Mom and Dad

Happy Anniversary!

Happy 1st. Anniversary John, on April 10, 2005
- Love your wife Teresa

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Troy and Sean Walters on their finish in the Michigan Scholastic team Chess Champions in Lansing, Michigan. Sean earned a silver medal and Troy finished 1/2 point from a bronze medal. We are very proud of you!
- Love Mom and Dad

Just Because...

To the Lewis Clan- Just wanted you to All: Gramps, Aunt Bub, Aunt Deb, Aunt Bren, Aunt Pete, Uncle Hot Rod, Uncle Harry and my Ma- Ma Darlene to know that you are all very Loved and appreciated!
- Love Destine C. & Family

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Obituaries

Rose Antoinette Shalifoe



Mrs. "Grandma Rose" Antoinette Shalifoe, 89, beloved Matriarch of the Shalifoe family, walked on to Ishpeming to be with Gitchi Manitou; her husband, Chief Solomon Henry Shalifoe; daughter, Bernice Marshall; son, Roger Shalifoe; granddaughters, Rosie Holmberg and Robin Gibson; grandsons, Eric Olsen and Bucky Collins; great-grandson, baby Raymond Sunka Wakan; and her four sisters, Cora, Celia, Mamie and Emily. Rose passed peacefully at her home in Fremont surrounded by loving family Sunday evening, February 13, 2005. The eldest of five children, Rose was born at Millers Camp, Hart, Michigan on June 14, 1915 to Stella Davis Bailey, full blood Ojibway and Louis Bailey, full blood Odawa. Rose was a member of the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge, Woodland Indian Association, and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Rose spent her life advocating and selflessly working for the welfare and cultural traditions of the Anishnaabek; inspiring her family to carry on her strong beliefs. She worked with several companies throughout the state to make donations of overstock clothing & necessities which she passed out to needy Native families in the Muskegon & Grand Rapids areas. Rose & Solomon traveled around the Great Lakes to pow-wows, dancing, drumming, selling hand-carved drums, Indian corn soup & her world famous frybread. She supported Native Rights during the Fishing Wars of the 1970's, sent supplies to the Wounded Knee 1973 Occupation, she sponsored community ghost suppers, Native childrens

Christmas Parties, shared cultural teachings in Muskegon public schools and protested for Indian Education Rights. Rose was a survivor of Boarding School where she was taken away from her family at age 5. The injustice there motivated her to hold onto her culture. She taught us how to cook, treat each other with respect, to give, to run a pow wow, to raise children, tell the truth, stand up for ourselves & others, how to handle death & how to live. Rose's award-winning frybread skills have been passed down to 3 more generations of champion frybread cooks.

Rose is survived by her children: Carlos (Susan) Eagle of New Mexico, Jean (Rick) Hewitt of Muskegon, Stella (James) Gibson of Shelby, son-in-law, Tom Marshall of Whitehall, Joyce (Joseph) Genia of Muskegon, daughter-in-law, Marie Shalifoe Ramos of Texas, Barbara (Roger) Stalzer of Fremont and adopted sons, Mike Gordon and Odell Chalifoux; 34 loving grandchildren, nearly 100 great-grandchildren, several g-great grandchildren and counting. Rose also raised Pete, Annette and Gloria Shalifoe for much of their formative years.

A wake was held Thursday, February 17th with a pipe ceremony by Dwight "Bucko" Teeple at (the old casino) in Manistee, Michigan, followed by an all night Native American Church Service by J.D. Gibson,. Funeral Services were held Friday, J.D. Gibson officiating, with pipe ceremony by Joseph Genia, a feast was held in her honor.

Interment will be at Fruitland Township Cemetery in the Spring. Memorials: Native American Church. Youngs Funeral Home (231) 722-3873

Thank you to all that were involved in organizing the wake and securing the location.

The family is eternally grateful - Tim Gibson

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